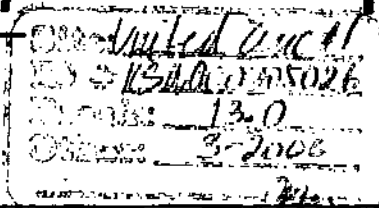




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Community Meeting United Zinc #1 Superfund Site, Iola, Kansas

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to participate in a community meeting regarding the United Zinc #1 Superfund Site. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center, 205 E. Madison, Iola, Kansas. The purpose of the meeting is to define EPA's role in addressing lead contamination at the United Zinc Smelter, and to obtain access agreements from certain citizens to conduct sampling activities on properties near the site.

The United Zinc Site is located near the intersection of Highway 54 and Kansas Drive in Iola, Kansas. It is bound to the east and immediate west with commercial activities, and to the northeast and southwest with residential areas.

BACKGROUND

The discovery and use of natural gas in the early 1900s led to the development of zinc and lead smelting operations in southeast Kansas. The United Zinc #1 Site, located in Iola, Kansas, was one of several zinc and lead smelting operations in the area. The site was owned by

COMMUNITY MEETING

EPA will host a community meeting to provide information and answer questions regarding the United Zinc #1 Superfund Site. The meeting will be held as follows:

**Tuesday, April 4, 2006
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Bowlus Fine Arts Center
205 E. Madison
Iola, Kansas**

For more information please contact:

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United Zinc and Chemical Company from 1902 - 1925, and smelting occurred from approximately 1902 - 1912. Historical records indicate that the Site originally housed machinery and buildings for the lead smelting operations. All onsite smelter facilities have been removed, and

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SUPERFUND RECORDS

the property has been graded, leveled, and developed since the 1920s. The Site covers approximately 17 acres and includes ten separate parcels of land.

CURRENT EPA ACTIVITIES

EPA is working with state and local officials to determine how to best address contamination at the site. An important step in the process is to obtain access agreements from citizens who would like their property tested for lead contamination.

A Property Access Agreement is enclosed for your review. If you would like your property tested, please fill out the access agreement and bring it to the community meeting on April 4th, or return the form to:

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